

Claim 14

Lines 1-2, change "one or more of the preceding claims 1 through 13, characterized in that" to --claim 1, wherein--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 remain pending in the instant application. Claim 1 is independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

No new matter has been added to the Specification and/or claims. Amendments to the claims have been made to place them in better form for examination. The amendments have not been made to overcome prior art.

CONCLUSION

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Mr. Tim Wyckoff, Registration No. 46,175 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

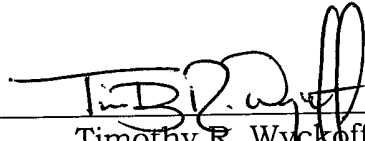
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Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a uniquely identifiable identification system incorporated into an X-ray testing apparatus or into this system, so that each operator (6) can log onto the operating system only with his or her own individual identification means (4, 4.1). The identification means (4, 4.1) is read and optionally rewritten by a counterpart device (3, 3.1) of the identification system. Upon leaving the operating system, an operator (6) is automatically logged off by way of removing the identification device (4, 4.1), or by way of exiting from a defined local area (N) around the X-ray testing apparatus, and the operating system is then ready for access by another operator (6).--